



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5822**

LCO No. 5655



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ON ELECTRONIC  
BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this  
2       section, (1) "electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card" means a card  
3       provided by the Department of Social Services to recipients of public  
4       assistance and state-administered child support benefits that allows  
5       electronic access to public assistance and state-administered child  
6       support benefits; and (2) "public assistance" means temporary family  
7       assistance, state-administered general assistance, state supplemental  
8       assistance and the supplemental nutrition assistance program, as said  
9       programs are administered pursuant to chapter 319s of the general  
10      statutes, and refugee assistance, administered pursuant to the Refugee  
11      Act of 1980.

12      (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible  
13      under federal law, shall require that all EBT cards issued by the  
14      department contain a photo of the person to whom such card is issued.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that EBT cards contain photo identification of persons to whom they are issued.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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